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GOVERNOR NAPOLITANO JOINS OBAMA ADMINISTRATION

PHOENIX - Governor Janet Napolitano has accepted an offer from President-elect Barack Obama to become Secretary of the United States Department of Homeland Security.

The Governor has released the following statement:

"I am humbled and honored by President-elect Obama's invitation, and I am proud to accept it. I believe that when called upon to serve - particularly at such a critical time in the history of our country - it is my duty as a citizen to step forward and say, "Yes."

"This affirmative answer was, by no means, an easy answer. Over the past six years, together, we have accomplished a great deal in Arizona. My pride in this state, my love for it and my dedication to it will never change."

"Arizona is also facing a time of challenge, and I intend to carry forward with my most important responsibilities as the leader of this state. In just a few weeks, I will deliver my State of the State address, and shortly thereafter, I will present to the Arizona Legislature a balanced budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2010."

"Upon my confirmation as Secretary by the U.S. Senate, I will tender my resignation as Governor of Arizona. Secretary of State Jan Brewer will take over the challenging job as Arizona's governor during this difficult time, without having sought this office. She will need your support, and I pledge her mine. Specific members of my staff will be designated to oversee the Arizona transition, to ensure that power and responsibility are transferred seamlessly."

"To the people of Arizona I say, "thank you." You entrusted me to run this state to the best of my ability, and I have tried with all my being to do so. I will continue to work for Arizona and Arizonans, but from a different place and with a different charge."

"In my first inaugural speech, I said, "Our strength lies in our diversity and it lies in our heritage. And we must draw on both of these gifts in the days ahead." Those words are still true and still useful today. We will face change together, and continue to stand together as "One Arizona."

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SPECIAL!!!

**2007-2008 Arizona Tribal/Urban
Indian Community Resource
Directory** at the reduced rate of \$10
(previously \$15)

Contact Lorie Wells at: Lorie.wells@azcia.gov

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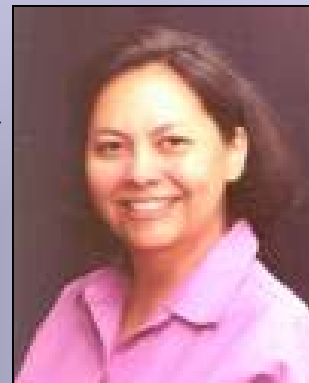
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Spotlight on Tribal Liaisons: Mary Villegas

Mary Villegas has a Bachelor of Science in Finance (Arizona State University), Juris Doctor (Arizona State University) and is currently pursuing her Masters in Library Science degree at the University of Arizona. She has been involved in the telecommunications industry for over 9 years and has worked for several local telecommunications companies including one owned and operated by a Tribal community in eastern Arizona. She has also worked with the Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs as a Business development representative. She has also taught Indian Law at a local community college.



Hopi High School Radio Fundraiser

The Hopi High School radio club is raising money so they can attend the National Federation of Broadcasters meeting in Portland, Oregon, April 1-4.

The radio club is attempting to raise \$13,200 so they can send 20 students and two chaperones to attend the national radio conference.

The trip will cost approximately \$1,200 each for airfare, hotel, food and other amenities. Hopi High School will match any money that the club raises so \$600 per student is needed.

The Hopi High School radio class performs the only live remote Native American high school show in the nation from 1:30-2 p.m. on Thursdays when the radio club members interview teachers, administrators, community members and classmates on KUYI. KUYI is the Hopi community radio station. The students work closely with KUYI Station Manager Kathy Sahmie and KUYI radio personality Davis Maho.

The radio students also telephone in news briefs to KINO in Winslow as they work closely with owner/manager Loy Engelhardt.

Hopi High radio has won 18 awards from Arizona Interscholastic Press Association in the past year. Hopi High also contributes to public radio exchange (prx.org) in Boston, Mass., and Youth Radio (youthradio.org) Berkeley, Calif.

The students attending the national youth radio conference benefit by meeting students from other radio stations from throughout the country and learning more about radio techniques. This year's youth sessions will include workshops on how to interview, listening sessions and how to put together pieces for national audiences.

Checks should be made out to the Hopi High Radio Club and mailed to P.O. Box 337, Keams Canyon, Arizona, 86034.

For more information, telephone radio teacher Stan Bindell at 738-5111, extension 241.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diné College Student Programs of Shiprock Christmas Arts and Crafts Bazaar on December 5, 2008 from 10am to 8pm. Contact: elfyazzie@dinecollege.edu or call 505-368-3560

32nd Annual Pueblo Grande Museum Art Market on December 13 & 14, 2008. Contact: www.pgindianmarket.com

Award for Outstanding Commitment to the Preservation and Care of Collections at Arizona State Museum on Tuesday, December 16, 2008 2:00 - 3:00 PM. RSVP to Darlene Lizarraga by Dec 9 (520) 626-8381 or dfi@email.arizona.edu



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QUICK FACTS: American Indian Tribal Representation at University of Arizona

Total UA American Indian Population

Fall 2008: 1,006
Fall 2007: 940

Fall 2008 top four colleges/schools of the American Indian student population:

1. Social and Behavioral Science (182)
2. University College (123)
3. Science (114)
4. Eller College of Management (101)

Total University of Arizona Enrollment:

Fall 2008: 38,057
Fall 2007: 37,217

American Indian Undergraduate Students

Top 4 Colleges/Schools Fall 2008

1. Social and Behavioral Science (146)

Male (45) Female (101)

2. University College (123)

Male (47) Female (75)

3. Science (98)

Male (46) Female (52)

4. Eller College of Management (92)

Male (46) Female (46)

American Indian Graduate Students

Top 4 Colleges/Schools Fall 2008

1. Interdisciplinary (76)

Male (26) Female (49)

2. Education (38)

Male (7) Female (31)

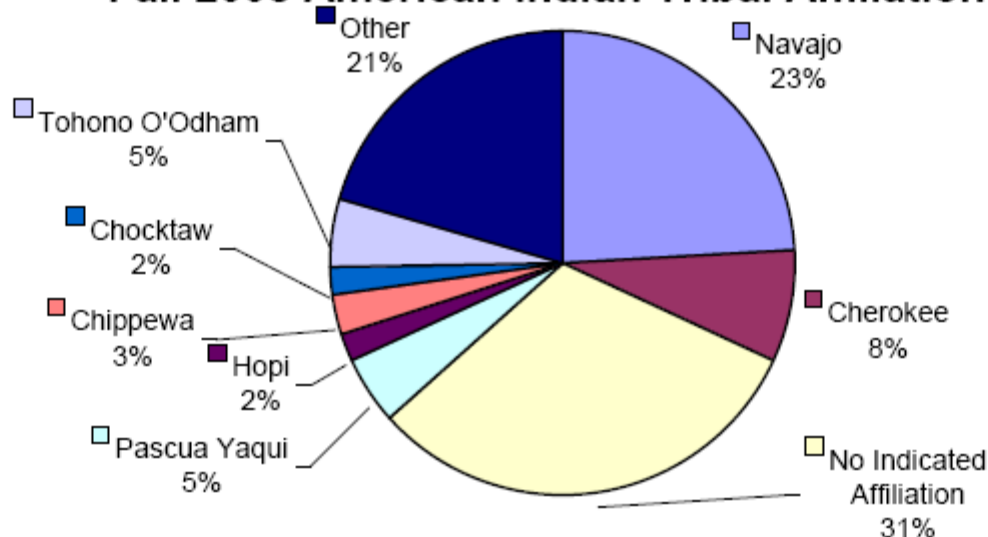
3. Social and Behavioral Science (36)

Male (12) Female (24)

4. Science (16)

Male (7) Female (9)

Fall 2008 American Indian Tribal Affiliation





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32nd Annual Pueblo Grande Museum Indian Market

Returning to South Mountain Park, Phoenix, Arizona- December 13 - 14, 2008

Inviting all active military and retired veterans to join special guests-

The WWII Navajo Code Talkers - for the largest group military photo

ever taken in Arizona --- 10 am on Saturday, December 13th at the Market



- WHAT:** One of top 10 Indian Markets in US featuring certified Native American artists selling hand-crafted paintings, sculptures, jewelry, pottery, Kachina dolls, baskets, carvings, fetishes, and other authentic artwork.
- Entertainment schedule features Havasupai Ram Dance Group; Arvel Bird (Paiute) violinist; Hopi Senom Dance Group; Adrian Wall; Buddy Big Mountain vocal illusionist/comedian; and James Bilagody & The Cremains
- WHEN:** Saturday, December 13 (9:30 am-5 pm) & Sunday, December 14 (9:30 am-4pm)
- WHERE:** South Mountain Park Activity Center complex, Phoenix, Arizona
10409 South Central Avenue, 1.5 miles south of Baseline Road on Central Avenue
- WHO:** More than 200 Native American artists representing over 40 tribes will be displaying and selling their authentic works of art ranging in price from \$5 to \$7,000.
- WHY:** Proceeds benefit the Pueblo Grande Museum which educates the public about the Hohokam people and the archaeological park as well as a scholarship program for Native American students who are majoring in the field of art.
- VIPs:** World War II Navajo Code Talkers will be on-site both days for autographs, photo sessions, and book signings. Join them for a special flag-raising ceremony on Saturday at 9:15 am followed at 10 am by a group photo of the largest gathering of active military and veterans ever taken in Arizona. All military personnel - active and veterans - will get free admission to the Market. Their families will get discounted admission tickets.
- DETAILS:** There's fun for the whole family with daily entertainment featuring Native American traditional and contemporary musicians, singers and dancers; artist demonstrations; petroglyph hikes; and a children's crafts area. Enjoy delicious native foods including Indian fry bread, Indian tacos, and the long-time festival favorite- Ma Bender's chili.
- ADMISSION:** Adults - \$8; children under 12 are admitted free. Discounted admission coupons are available on the market website at www.pgindianmarket.com/coupon.php. Active military and veterans admitted free with valid identification.
- CONTACT:** For more information about the Indian Market call (602) 495-0901 or visit www.pgindianmarket.com. For media information and interviews, call Arters Public Relations at (480) 893-3748 office or (602) 677-3533 cell.